

Patent Application: 09/552,766
Docket No: P13614US1

Remarks

In response to the Final Office action, Applicant amended claims 1, 8, and 11, and cancelled claims 5, 9, and 15 from the present patent application.

Claims Rejections: 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1 and 8 stand rejected under section 102(e) of 35 U.S.C. for being allegedly anticipated by Mademann (US Patent 6,081,723).

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 8, and 11 to include the patentable limitations indicated by the Examiner as allowable.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the patentable limitations of claim 5, which was indicated to be patentable by the Examiner if re-written in independent format.

Claim 8 has been also amended to incorporate the patentable limitations of claim 9, which was indicated to be patentable by the Examiner if re-written in independent format.

Finally, claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the limitations similar those of claim 5, which was indicated to be patentable by the Examiner if re-written in independent format.

In light of the Examiner's position expressed in the outstanding Final Office action, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claims 1, 8, and 11 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-4, and 6-7 are directly or indirectly dependent of claim 1, which is submitted as patentable and since they merely add further limitations and clarifications thereto, they are believed to be patentable as well.

Claim 10 is dependent of claim 8, which is submitted as patentable, and since it merely adds further limitations and clarifications thereto, it is believed to be patentable as well.

Finally, claims 12-14 are directly or indirectly dependent of claim 11, which is submitted as patentable and since they merely add further limitations and clarifications thereto, they are believed to be patentable as well.

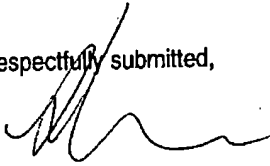
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Conclusion

All pending claims 1-4, 6-8, and 10-14 are herein submitted as being in favorable condition for allowance.

In the Examiner finds out that a persecution of the present invention would be facilitated by telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, Alex Nicolaescu, at telephone number (514) 345- 7900 extension number 2596.

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